

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following substitute Abstract:

A method of access control to a secure area that comprises obtaining a first biometric reading at a first station from a person seeking to access the secure area; recording the first biometric reading on a card as biometric data; returning the card having biometric data to the person; providing a means for reading the biometric reading at a second station located at the secure area; obtaining a second biometric reading from the person; and comparing the biometric data on the card with the second biometric reading to ensure that the person giving the second biometric reading is the same person giving the first biometric reading.